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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Applicant submits that the pending claims 1-27 are patentable over the art of record and allowance is respectfully requested of claims 1-27.

Claims 1-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Duperrouzel et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,832,355). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections for the following reasons.

Claim 1 describes displaying pages in a viewer program on a computer display monitor, wherein the viewer program displays an application window. Multiple pages are displayed in a non-overlapping manner within panes of a same application window. (e.g., for example, Applicant's Specification, page 10, line 29-page 11, line 3) Additionally, claim 1 describes downloading a first and second pages from one of multiple servers over a network, and automatically concurrently displaying the first page in a first window pane and the second page in a second window pane in the application window according to predefined settings specifying how pages are to be displayed in the first and second panes. Claim 1 also describes downloading a third page from one of multiple servers over the network, automatically concurrently displaying the third page in one of the first and second panes and one of the first and second pages in the other pane according to the predefined settings, downloading a fourth page from one of multiple servers over the network, and automatically concurrently displaying the third and fourth pages in the first and second panes according to the predefined settings. Thus, the downloaded pages are displayed according to the predefined setting. Embodiments provide a "book-like" display of multiple pages concurrently based on predefined settings that do not require any user involvement (e.g., Applicant's Specification, page 5, lines 18-20). Also, embodiments automatically provide the user the display of a newly downloaded page and a previously downloaded page based on predefined settings to automatically provide what otherwise must be accomplished using input selections (e.g., Applicant's Specification, page 10, lines 2-9).

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The Duperrouzel patent describes a display system with display controls and a plurality of non-overlapping display areas, and each display area has independent display area controls and independently displays a web page (Abstract). The Duperrouzel patent includes a computer system configured to send requests for web pages and receive the web pages (Col. 2, lines 1-17; Col. 4, lines 20-28). Each display pane provides controls for a particular web page being displayed within the display pane (Col. 5, lines 1-7; FIG. 2). An access control 234 of a display pane 212a, when selected, causes a pop-down list of URLs to be shown on the display 116, and a user can select the URL of a desired web page in a conventional fashion (Col. 6, lines 17-20). Also, a user may drag and drop URLs from a Favorites list into a display pane 212 (Col. 11, lines 24-26). Moreover, a user may drag and drop a URL that is displayed in one display pane 212 into another display pane 212 to select downloading of a web page that has a particular URL (Col. 11, lines 26-29). For example, a user can drag and drop a URL displayed in display pane 212a into display pane 212b, and this web page is downloaded into display pane 212b (Col. 11, lines 29-36). Thus, to display a web page in a particular display pane, the Duperrouzel patent describes that the user selects the URL of the web page to be displayed in the display pane from a pop-down list of URLs in that display pane or by dragging and dropping a URL into the display pane. The user actively selects the display pane into which a web page is downloaded.

On the other hand, claim 1 describes that downloaded pages are displayed according to predefined settings. The predefined settings automatically provide what otherwise must be accomplished using input selections (e.g., Applicant's Specification, page 10, lines 2-9), such as the selection of a URL from a pop-down list of URLs in a display pane into which the web page addressed by the URL is to be downloaded in the Duperrouzel patent. The claimed predefined settings are not taught or suggested by the Duperrouzel patent. In addition, by requiring a user to select a URL from a pop-down list of URLs or to drag and drop a URL into the display pane into which a downloaded display page is to be displayed, the Duperrouzel patent teaches away from the use of predefined settings specifying how pages are to be displayed in the panes. That is, with the Duperrouzel patent, a user selects a display pane and a URL whose web page is to be

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displayed in the selected display pane. For example, a user can drag and drop a URL displayed in display pane 212a into display pane 212b, and this web page is downloaded into display pane 212b (Col. 11, lines 29-36).

Furthermore, the Office Action states that the Duperrouzel patent "does not specifically teach 'displaying the third page in one of the first and second panes and displaying the third and fourth pages in the first and second panes'", but that it would have been obvious to have applied Duperrouzel's teachings to include this. Applicant respectfully traverses. The claimed invention displays the pages in the panes according to predefined settings, which are not taught or suggested by the Duperrouzel patent. Moreover, the Duperrouzel patent teaches away from the use of predefined settings specifying how pages are to be displayed in the panes by requiring a user to select a display pane and use a pop-down list of URLs or drag and drop operations to select a URL for that display pane.

The Office Action states that because the Duperrouzel patent describes a two web page display with two display panes (Col. 9, lines 7-14 and FIG. 6), the Duperrouzel patent "suggests that when third and fourth web page[s] are downloaded, they will be simultaneously displayed in the first and second panes." Applicant respectfully traverses. With the claimed invention, the downloaded third and fourth pages are displayed in the first and second panes according to the predefined settings. The Duperrouzel patent does not teach or suggest the claimed predefined settings. Also, with the Duperrouzel patent, a user would have to select a display pane and a web page to be downloaded into that particular display pane, which teaches away from the claimed predefined settings.

Thus, claim 1 is not taught or suggested by the Duperrouzel patent. Claims 10 and 19 are not taught or suggested by the Duperrouzel patent for at least the same reasons as were discussed with respect to claim 1.

Dependent claims 2-9, 11-18, and 20-27 incorporate the language of claims 1, 10, and 19 and add additional novel elements. Therefore, dependent claims 2-9, 11-18, and 20-27 are not

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taught or suggested by the Duperrouzel patent for at least the same reasons as were discussed with respect to claims 1, 10, and 19.

For example, claim 6 describes receiving user selection of a hypertext link within one of the displayed pages and accessing the page addressed by the hypertext link. If the user selected the hypertext link from the second pane, the page currently displayed in the second pane is automatically concurrently displaying in the first pane, and the page addressed by the hypertext link is displayed in the second pane. If the user selected the hypertext link from the first pane, the page currently displayed in the first pane is automatically concurrently displaying in the first pane, and the page addressed by the hypertext link is displayed in the second pane. Thus, selection of a hypertext link in the first pane displays the page addressed by the hypertext link in the second pane, and selection of a hypertext link in the second pane causes the page in the second pane to be shifted to the first pane so that the page addressed by the hypertext link may be displayed in the second pane. On the other hand, with the Duperrouzel patent, when a user selects a URL for a display pane, the URL is displayed in that display pane, and there is no teaching in the Duperrouzel patent of shifting the previously displayed page or of displaying the selected page in a different display pane. Although a user can drag and drop a URL from one pane to another, this teaches away from the predefined settings used to determine the display of downloaded pages in the panes.

Claim 8 describes receiving user selection of a hypertext link within one of the displayed pages in one of the panes and accessing the page addressed by the hypertext link. Then, the page addressed by the hypertext link is automatically concurrently displayed in the pane opposite the pane displaying the page from which the hypertext link was selected the page from which the link was selected in its current pane. On the other hand, with the Duperrouzel patent, a user would, for example, have to drag and drop the hypertext link from one display pane to another display pane to have the page addressed by the hypertext link to be displayed in the pane opposite the pane displaying the hypertext link. This teaches away from selection of the

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hypertext link within one page automatically leading to display of the page addressed by the
hypertext link in the opposite pane.

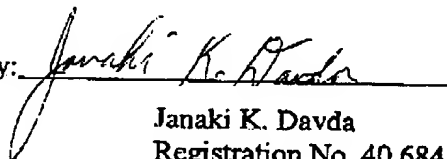
Conclusion

For all the above reasons, Applicant submits that the pending claims 1-27 are patentable
over the art of record. Applicants have not added any claims. Nonetheless, should any
additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0466.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact her at (310) 553-7973 if the
Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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